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Dear John

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Many thanks for your note and goodies via [REDACTED] That was just what we needed to perk us up for the winter!

I am sorry to hear of your troubles defending production estimates but this is the lot of many of us these days, if I may play on the word. We are having exactly the same sort of problem and it seems to be coming more serious here as we pay more attention to the inventory question than we have in the past. You know -- if they can't beat you down by finding more launchers, the next best thing to suggest is that each launcher must have five missiles. While no one is seriously arguing that number as yet (four, in the case of the SS-3), I do think we have to do better in defending the lower figures. We are trying to approach this in at least two other ways, by analysis of [REDACTED]

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I cannot predict the success we might have with either of these approaches but I think we have to travel these roads if only to say the answer is not in that direction.

Regarding the proof test approach we have just completed our study for 1963 and you should expect it in November. I hope we can be more current in our appraisal of 1964. The other studies we discussed previously -- concerning B&S and the liquid rocket test facilities -- have been slow moving, but do be patient. I am finding my new assignment much more invigorating for we are obliged to make the test range programs, deployment and production information weave a consistent story. This is not always easy but it does help one's powers of imagination!

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I am to be away during the period 12-20 November. I hope I am here to see [REDACTED] but, if not, he should feel free to tap our resources

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and to give us the benefit of your points of view. Besides, as you know, I never espouse a cause that has not been introduced by one of our stalwart experts such as [REDACTED] the outlander. At least the first three will be here, so how can he miss. If I am here I would also like to introduce Jack to some of the people at EPIC who have helped us so much, and it might then be appropriate to review the latest information on the production facilities which we are currently updating for the GMAIC Red Book.

Hope hearing from you, John. Please give my regards to Geoff. Sorry you two have lost out on a visit this Fall.

Best ever,

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